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Chapter III
Dissemination of information on decolonization

1. At its 1st meeting, on 12 February 2002, by adopting the suggestions relating to the organization of its work put forward by the Chairman (A/AC.109/2002/L.2), the Special Committee decided, inter alia, to take up the question of the dissemination of information on decolonization as a separate item and to consider it at its plenary meetings.

2. The Special Committee considered the item at its 3rd meeting, on 3 June 2002.

3. In its consideration of the item, the Special Committee took into account the provisions of the relevant General Assembly resolutions, including, in particular, resolution 56/73 of 10 December 2001 on the dissemination of information on decolonization, and resolution 56/74 of the same date on the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.

4. The Special Committee held consultations with representatives of the Department of Public Information and of the Department of Political Affairs of the Secretariat at its 3rd meeting, on 3 June (see A/AC.109/2002/SR.3).

5. At the same meeting, the Chairman of the Special Committee drew attention to the report of the Secretary-General on the dissemination of information on decolonization (A/AC.109/2002/18) and a draft resolution on the item submitted by him (A/AC.109/2002/L.5).

6. At the same meeting, the Special Committee adopted draft resolution A/AC.109/2002/L.5 without a vote (see A/AC.109/2002/19).

7. The text of resolution A/AC.109/2002/19 appears in the form of a recommendation of the Special Committee to the General Assembly in part III of the present report (see A/57/23 (Part III), chap. XIII, sect. G).

Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories

8. The Special Committee observed the Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories during its Pacific Regional Seminar, held at Nadi, Fiji, from 14 to 16 May 2002 (for details, see A/57/23 (Part I), chap. II, annex, paras. 16, 18 and 20 and appendices III and V).

Chapter IV
Question of sending visiting missions to Territories

9. At its 1st meeting, on 12 February 2002, by adopting the suggestions relating to the organization of its work put forward by the Chairman (A/AC.109/2002/L.2) the Special Committee decided, inter alia, to take up the question of sending visiting missions to Territories as appropriate. The Special Committee also decided that the item should be considered at its plenary meetings and, as appropriate, in connection with its examination of specific Territories.

10. The Special Committee considered the item at its 3rd and 10th meetings, on 3 and 26 June 2002.

11. In its consideration of the item, the Special Committee took into account the provisions of the relevant General Assembly resolutions, including, in particular, the pertinent provisions of resolution 56/74 of 10 December 2001 on the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and resolutions 56/71 and 56/72 A and B of the same date relating to specific Territories.

12. In addition to the consideration of the item, the Special Committee considered the specific Territories referred to it, taking into account the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolutions 56/73 and 56/74, as well as previous decisions of the Special Committee relating to the question.

13. At its 3rd meeting, on 3 June 2002, the Chairman drew attention to a draft resolution on the item (A/AC.109/2002/L.7).

14. At the same meeting, the Special Committee adopted draft resolution A/AC.109/2002/L.7, without a vote (see A/AC.109/2002/21).

15. By adopting at its 7th meeting, on 17 June 2002 a resolution on Tokelau (A/AC.109/2002/24) and at its 10th meeting, on 26 June 2002, a consolidated resolution on 11 small Non-Self-Governing Territories

(A/AC.109/2002/30), the Special Committee endorsed a number of conclusions and recommendations concerning the sending of visiting missions to Territories, as reflected in its recommendations to the General Assembly in chapters X and XI (see also A/57/23 (Part III), chap. XIII, sect. E relating to Tokelau and sect. F relating to American Samoa, Anguilla, Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, the Cayman Islands, Guam, Montserrat, Pitcairn, Saint Helena, the Turks and Caicos Islands and the United States Virgin Islands).

16. At the 10th meeting, on 26 June, the Chairman drew attention of the members of the Special Committee to a letter addressed to him by the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of New Zealand to the United Nations inviting the Committee to dispatch a visiting mission to Tokelau from 12 to 20 August 2002 (A/AC.109/2002/27). At the same meeting, the Committee accepted the invitation and decided to dispatch a visiting mission to Tokelau (see A/AC.109/2002/SR.10).

17. The text of resolution A/AC.109/2002/21, adopted by the Special Committee at its 3rd meeting, on 3 June 2002, is reproduced below:

The Special Committee,

Having considered the question of sending visiting missions to Territories,

Recalling the relevant resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly and the Special Committee requesting the administering Powers to cooperate fully with the United Nations by receiving visiting missions in the Territories under their administration,

Mindful that United Nations visiting missions provide an effective means of assessing the situation in those Territories and of ascertaining the wishes and aspirations of the peoples thereof regarding their future status,

Conscious that United Nations visiting missions enhance the capacity of the United Nations to assist the peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories in attaining the objectives set forth in the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, contained in General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, and in other relevant resolutions of the Assembly,

Noting with appreciation the continuing exemplary cooperation of New Zealand, as an administering Power, in the work of the Special Committee, and that, at the invitation of the Government of New Zealand, a visiting mission was dispatched to Tokelau in July 1994,[1]

Recalling the dispatch in 1979 of a United Nations visiting mission to the Territory of Guam, noting the recommendation of the 1996 Pacific Regional Seminar that a visiting mission be sent to Guam, and taking note of resolution No. 464 (LS), adopted by the twenty-third Guam legislature on 19 July 1996, in which it requested the dispatch of a United Nations visiting mission to that Territory,

Welcoming the commencement of informal dialogue between the Special Committee and some administering Powers,

1. *Stresses* the need to dispatch periodic visiting missions to Non-Self-Governing Territories in order to facilitate the full, speedy and effective implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples with respect to those Territories;

2. *Calls upon* the administering Powers to cooperate or continue to cooperate with the United Nations by receiving United Nations visiting missions in the Territories under their administration;

3. *Requests* the administering Powers to consider new approaches in the work of the Special Committee, and urges them to cooperate with the Special Committee in its efforts;

4. *Requests* its Chairman to continue consultations with the administering Powers concerned and to report thereon to the Special Committee as appropriate;

5. *Also requests* its Chairman to enter into consultations with the administering Power of Guam with a view to facilitating the dispatch of a United Nations visiting mission to that Territory to coincide with the proposed plebiscite to be conducted by the Guam Electoral Commission on or about 7 September 2002.

Chapter V
Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories

18. At its 1st meeting, on 12 February 2002, by adopting the suggestions relating to the organization of its work put forward by the Chairman (A/AC.109/2002/L.2) the Special Committee decided, inter alia, to take up the question of economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories and to consider it at its plenary meetings.

19. The Special Committee considered the item at its 10th meeting, on 26 June 2002.

20. In its consideration of the item, the Special Committee took into account the provisions of the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, including, in particular, resolution 56/66 of 10 December 2001 on economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories. The Special Committee also took into account the relevant provisions of resolution 55/146 on the Second International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism, and resolution 56/74 on the implementation of the Declaration. Additionally, the Special Committee took into consideration the relevant documents of other intergovernmental bodies concerned, to which reference is made in the last preambular paragraph of resolution A/AC.109/2002/28, adopted on 26 June 2002.

21. In 1994, the Special Committee, in keeping with its consistent goal of limiting documentation and streamlining its report to the General Assembly, recommended to the Assembly that, in preparing the general working papers on the Territories, the Secretariat should, where applicable, incorporate under separate headings those sections relating to economic and other activities which affect the interests of the people of the Non-Self-Governing Territories and those on military activities and arrangements in those Territories. By adopting resolution 49/89 of 16 December 1994, the Assembly approved, inter alia, that recommendation.

22. During its consideration of the item, the Special Committee had before it working papers prepared by the Secretariat containing, inter alia, information on economic conditions, with particular reference to foreign economic activities, in the following Territories: American Samoa, Anguilla, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Guam, Montserrat, Turks and Caicos Islands and United States Virgin Islands (A/AC.109/2002/3-4, A/AC.109/2002/7-9, A/AC.109/2002/12, 14, 15 and 17).

23. At the 10th meeting, on 26 June 2002, the Chairman drew attention to the various working papers prepared by the Secretariat which contained references to economic and other activities which affected the interests of the people of the Non-Self-Governing Territories and to a draft resolution on the item (A/AC.109/2002/L.11).

24. At the same meeting, the Special Committee adopted draft resolution A/AC.109/2002/L.11 without a vote (A/AC.109/2002/28).

25. The text of resolution A/AC.109/2002/28, adopted by the Special Committee at its 10th meeting, on 26 June 2002, appears in the form of a recommendation of the Special Committee to the General Assembly in part III of the present report (see A/57/23 (Part III), chap. XIII, sect. B).

Chapter VI
Military activities and arrangements by colonial Powers in Territories under their administration

26. At its 1st meeting, on 12 February 2002, by adopting the suggestions relating to the organization of its work put forward by the Chairman (A/AC.109/2002/L.2), the Special Committee decided, inter alia, to take up the question of military activities and arrangements by colonial Powers in Territories under their administration and to consider it at its plenary meetings.

27. The Special Committee considered the item at its 10th meeting, on 26 June 2002.

28. In its consideration of the item, the Special Committee took into account the provisions of the relevant General Assembly resolutions, including, in particular, resolution 56/74, in paragraph 12 of which the Assembly called upon the administering Powers

concerned to eliminate the remaining military bases in the Non-Self-Governing Territories in compliance with the relevant resolutions of the Assembly and also called upon the administering Powers to promote alternative sources of livelihood for the peoples of the Territories concerned. The Special Committee also took into account Assembly decision 56/420 of 10 December 2001, in paragraph 8 of which the Assembly requested the Special Committee to continue to examine the question and to report thereon to the Assembly at its fifty-seventh session.

29. During its consideration of the item, the Special Committee had before it working papers prepared by the Secretariat containing, inter alia, information on military activities and arrangements in Bermuda, Guam and the United States Virgin Islands (A/AC.109/2002/4, 8 and 15).

30. At the 10th meeting, on 26 June, the Chairman drew attention to a draft decision on the item (A/AC.109/2002/L.10).

31. At the same meeting, the Special Committee adopted draft decision A/AC.109/2002/L.10 without a vote (see A/AC.109/2002/29).

32. The text of decision A/AC.109/2002/29, adopted by the Special Committee at its 10th meeting, on 26 June 2002, appears in the form of a recommendation of the Special Committee to the General Assembly in part III of the present report (see A/57/23 (Part III), chap. XIII, sect. I).

Chapter VII
Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

33. At its 1st meeting, on 12 February 2002, by adopting the suggestions relating to the organization of its work put forward by the Chairman (A/AC.109/2002/L.2) the Special Committee decided, inter alia, to take up the question of the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations and to consider it at its plenary meetings.

34. The Special Committee considered the item at its 9th meeting, on 24 June 2002.

35. During its consideration of the item, the Special Committee took into account the provisions of General Assembly resolution 56/67 of 10 December 2001 on the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations, in paragraph 20 of which the Assembly requested the Special Committee to continue to examine the question and to report thereon to the Assembly at its fifty-seventh session. The Special Committee also took into account all other resolutions adopted by the Assembly on the subject, including resolution 55/146 declaring the period 2001-2010 the Second International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism, as well as the report of the Secretary-General on the Second Decade containing the updated plan of action for the Second Decade (A/56/61, annex).

36. The Special Committee also took into account the relevant documents of other intergovernmental bodies concerned, to which reference is made in the fourth preambular paragraph of resolution A/AC.109/2002/26, adopted on 24 June 2002.

37. At the 9th meeting, on 24 June 2002, the Chairman drew attention to the report of the Secretary-General on the item (A/57/73) and to the information submitted by the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system on their activities with regard to the implementation of the Declaration (see E/2002/61), as well as to the draft resolution on the item (A/AC.109/2002/L.9).

38. At the same meeting, in accordance with a decision taken by the Special Committee at the outset of its 9th meeting, Carlyle Corbin made a statement on behalf of the Government of the United States Virgin Islands (see A/AC.109/2002/SR.9).

39. At the same meeting, the Special Committee adopted draft resolution A/AC.109/2002/L.9 without a vote (see A/AC.109/2002/26).

40. The text of resolution A/AC.109/2002/26, adopted by the Special Committee at its 9th meeting, on 24 June 2002, appears in the form of a recommendation of the Special Committee to the

General Assembly in part III of the present report (see A/57/23 (Part III), chap. XIII, sect. C).

Chapter VIII
Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 *e* of the Charter of the United Nations

41. At its 1st meeting, on 12 February 2002, by adopting the suggestions relating to the organization of its work put forward by the Chairman (A/AC.109/2002/L.2) the Special Committee decided, inter alia, to take up the question of information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 *e* of the Charter of the United Nations and to consider it at its plenary meetings.

42. The Special Committee considered the item at its 3rd meeting, on 3 June 2002.

43. During its consideration of the item, the Special Committee took into account the resolutions of the General Assembly concerning information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 *e* of the Charter and related questions, in particular resolution 1970 (XVIII) of 16 December 1963, by which the Assembly decided, inter alia, to dissolve the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories and to transfer certain of its functions to the Special Committee, and resolution 56/65 of 10 December 2001, in paragraph 5 of which the Assembly requested the Special Committee to continue to discharge the functions entrusted to it under resolution 1970 (XVIII), in accordance with established procedures, and to report thereon to the Assembly at its fifty-seventh session. Furthermore, the Special Committee took into account the relevant provisions of Assembly resolutions 56/74 of 10 December 2001, on the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, as well as 55/146 of 8 December 2000, relating to the Second International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism.

44. At the 3rd meeting, on 3 June 2002, the Chairman drew attention to the report of the Secretary-General on the item (A/57/74), which reflected the dates of transmission of information under Article 73 *e* of the Charter of the United Nations by the administering Powers in regard to Territories under their respective administration, as well as to a draft resolution on the item (A/AC.109/2002/L.6).

45. At the same meeting, the Special Committee adopted draft resolution A/AC.109/2002/L.6 without a vote (see A/AC.109/2002/20).

46. The text of resolution A/AC.109/2002/20, adopted by the Special Committee at its 3rd meeting, on 3 June 2002, appears in the form of a recommendation of the Special Committee to the General Assembly in part III of the present report (see A/57/23 (Part III), chap. XIII, sect. A).

Chapter IX
East Timor, Gibraltar, New Caledonia and Western Sahara

47. At its 1st meeting, on 12 February 2002, by adopting the suggestions relating to the organization of its work put forward by the Chairman (A/AC.109/2002/L.2), the Special Committee decided, inter alia, to take up the question of Gibraltar, New Caledonia and Western Sahara as separate items and to consider them at its plenary meetings.

48. In its consideration of the items, the Special Committee took into account General Assembly resolutions 56/73 and 56/74 of 10 December 2001 and decision 56/421 of the same date, as well as other relevant resolutions and decisions.

49. France participated in the work of the Special Committee in relation to New Caledonia.

A. East Timor

50. The Special Committee considered the question of East Timor at its 2nd meeting, on 28 March 2002 and adopted, by consensus, draft resolution A/AC.109/2002/L.3 on the question.

51. On 1 April 2002, the Special Committee submitted to the General Assembly a report on the question of East Timor (A/56/894) containing, inter alia, its recommendation to the Assembly.

52. At its 98th plenary meeting, on 1 May 2002, upon considering the report of the Special Committee (A/56/894), the General Assembly adopted resolution

56/282 on the question of East Timor, without reference to a Main Committee (see A/56/PV.98).

B. Gibraltar

53. The Special Committee considered the question of Gibraltar at its 4th meeting, on 6 June 2002.

54. During its consideration of the item, the Special Committee had before it a working paper prepared by the Secretariat containing information on developments concerning the Territory (A/AC.109/2002/11).

55. At the 4th meeting, the Chairman informed the Special Committee that the delegation of Spain had requested to participate in the Special Committee's consideration of the question. The Special Committee decided to accede to the request.

56. At the same meeting, with the consent of the Special Committee, Peter Caruana, Chief Minister of Gibraltar, made a statement and replied to questions posed to him by the representatives of Grenada and Antigua and Barbuda (see A/AC.109/2002/SR.4).

57. At the same meeting, in accordance with a decision taken at the outset of the meeting, a statement was made by Joseph Bossano, Leader of the Opposition in Gibraltar (see A/AC.109/2002/SR.4).

58. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Iraq and Grenada (see A/AC.109/2002/SR.4).

59. At the same meeting, the representative of Spain made a statement (see A/AC.109/2002/SR.4).

60. On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to continue consideration of the question at its next session, subject to any directives that the General Assembly might give in that connection at its fifty-seventh session and, in order to facilitate consideration of the question by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee), to transmit the relevant documentation to the Assembly.

C. New Caledonia

61. The Special Committee considered the question of New Caledonia at its 7th meeting, on 17 June 2002.

62. During its consideration of the item, the Special Committee had before it a working paper prepared by the Secretariat containing information on developments concerning the Territory (A/AC.109/2002/13).

63. At the 7th meeting, on 17 June, the Chairman drew the attention of the members of the Committee to the working paper and to the text of a draft resolution contained in document A/AC.109/2002/L.13 (see A/AC.109/2002/SR.7).

64. At the same meeting, the representative of Papua New Guinea introduced draft resolution A/AC.109/2002/L.13 (see A/AC.109/2002/SR.7).

65. At the same meeting, the Special Committee adopted draft resolution A/AC.109/2002/L.13, without a vote (see A/AC.109/2002/23).

66. The text of resolution A/AC.109/2002/23, adopted by the Special Committee at its 7th meeting, on 17 June 2002, appears in the form of a recommendation of the Special Committee to the General Assembly in part III of the present report (see A/57/23 (Part III), chap. XIII, sect. D).

D. Western Sahara

67. The Special Committee considered the question of Western Sahara at its 4th meeting, on 6 June 2002.

68. During its consideration of the item, the Special Committee had before it a working paper prepared by the Secretariat containing information on developments concerning the Territory (A/AC.109/2002/10).

69. At its 4th meeting, on 6 June 2002, in accordance with a decision taken at its 3rd meeting, the Special Committee granted a request for hearing to Ahmed Boukhari of the Frente Popular para la Liberación de Saguia el-Hamra y de Río de Oro (Frente POLISARIO), who made a statement at the same meeting (see A/AC.109/2002/SR.4).

70. At the same meeting, the representative of Antigua and Barbuda made a statement (see A/AC.109/2002/SR.4).

71. At the same meeting, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Special Committee decided, subject to any directives that the General Assembly might give in that connection at its fifty-seventh session and in order to facilitate consideration of the question by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee), to transmit the relevant documentation to the Assembly.

Chapter X

American Samoa, Anguilla, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Guam, Montserrat, Pitcairn, Saint Helena, Turks and Caicos Islands and United States Virgin Islands

72. At its 1st meeting, on 12 February 2002, by adopting the suggestions relating to the organization of its work put forward by the Chairman (A/AC.109/2002/L.2) the Special Committee decided, inter alia, to take up the question of American Samoa, Anguilla, Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, the Cayman Islands, Guam, Montserrat, Pitcairn, Saint Helena, the Turks and Caicos Islands and the United States Virgin Islands and to consider them at its plenary meetings.

73. In its consideration of the items, the Special Committee took into account the provisions of General Assembly resolution 56/74 on the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples. In paragraph 8 (c) of that resolution, the Assembly requested the Special Committee, inter alia, to continue to pay special attention to the small Territories and to recommend to the Assembly the most suitable steps to be taken to enable the populations of those Territories to exercise their right to self-determination. The Special Committee also took into account relevant resolutions and decisions on the Territories adopted by the Assembly.

74. The delegations of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America, the administering Powers concerned, did not participate in the Special Committee's consideration of the Territories under their administration.[2] However, as a result of informal consultations with the Special Committee held during its substantive session in 2002, both administering Powers reaffirmed their desire to continue an informal dialogue with the Special Committee on the questions.

75. The Special Committee considered the 11 Territories at its 7th and 10th meetings, on 17 and 26 June 2002.

76. During its consideration of the items, the Special Committee had before it the working papers prepared by the Secretariat on the Territories (A/AC.109/2002/2-5, 7-9, 14, 15 and 17).

77. At its 7th meeting, on 17 June 2002, with the consent of the Special Committee, Carlyle Corbin, representative of the Government of the United States Virgin Islands made a statement and replied to questions posed to him by the representatives of Côte d'Ivoire, Grenada, Papua New Guinea and Antigua and Barbuda and by the Chairman (see A/AC.109/2002/SR.7).

78. At the same meeting, in accordance with a decision taken at the 6th meeting, Debtralynne Quinata, on behalf of the Guam Commission on Decolonization, made a statement and replied to questions posed to her by the representatives of Côte d'Ivoire and Papua New Guinea (see A/AC.109/2002/SR.7).

79. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic and Antigua and Barbuda (see A/AC.109/2002/SR.7).

80. At the same meeting, following a statement by the Chairman, the Committee decided to continue consideration of the item at a later meeting (see A/AC.109/2002/SR.7).

81. On 25 June 2002, the Committee had before it the consolidated draft resolution on the item submitted by the Chairman (A/AC.109/2002/L.15).

82. At the 10th meeting, on 26 June 2002, the Chairman made a statement wherein he introduced a revised consolidated draft resolution (A/AC.109/2002/L.15/Rev.1) relating to the questions of American Samoa, Anguilla, Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, the Cayman Islands, Guam, Montserrat, Pitcairn, Saint Helena, the Turks and Caicos Islands and the United States Virgin Islands. He made further oral revisions to the draft text by which a third preambular paragraph in the section on Saint Helena would be deleted and operative paragraph 6 in the section on the United States Virgin Islands would be replaced by the following text:

> "6. *Takes note* of the position of the territorial Government opposing the assumption by the administering Power of submerged land in territorial waters, having regard to relevant resolutions of the General Assembly on the ownership and control of natural resources, including marine resources, by the people of Non-Self-Governing Territories, and its calls for

the return of those marine resources to the people of the Territory;"

82. At the same meeting, the Special Committee adopted draft resolution A/AC.109/2002/L.15/Rev.1, as orally revised, without a vote (see A/AC.109/2002/30).

84. The text of resolution A/AC.109/2002/30, adopted by the Special Committee at its 10th meeting, on 26 June 2002, appears in the form of a recommendation of the Special Committee to the General Assembly in part III of the present report (see A/57/23 (Part III), chap. XIII, sect. F).

Chapter XI
Tokelau

85. At its 1st meeting, on 12 February 2002, by adopting the suggestions relating to the organization of its work put forward by the Chairman (A/AC.109/2002/L.2), the Special Committee decided, inter alia, to take up the question of Tokelau as a separate item and to consider it at its plenary meetings.

86. The Special Committee considered the item at its 7th meeting, on 17 June 2002.

87. During its consideration of the item, the Special Committee had before it a working paper prepared by the Secretariat containing information on developments concerning the Territory (see A/AC.109/2002/6).

88. At the 7th meeting, on 17 June 2002, with the consent of the Special Committee, the Ulu o Tokelau and the Administrator of Tokelau made statements (see A/AC.109/2002/SR.7).

89. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, Côte d'Ivoire, Grenada, Fiji and Cuba (see A/AC.109/2002/SR.7).

90. At the same meeting, the representative of Papua New Guinea made a statement wherein he introduced draft resolution A/AC.109/2002/L.14.

91. At the same meeting, the Special Committee adopted draft resolution A/AC.109/2002/L.14 without a vote (see A/AC.109/2002/24).

92. At its 10th meeting, on 26 June, the Special Committee decided to dispatch a visiting mission to the Territory in August 2002 at the invitation of New Zealand, the administering Power of Tokelau (see A/AC.109/2002/27 and A/57/23 (Part II), chap. IV, paras. 15 and 16).

93. The text of resolution A/AC.109/2002/24, adopted by the Special Committee at its 7th meeting, on 17 June 2002, appears in the form of a recommendation of the Special Committee to the General Assembly in part III of the present report (see A/57/23 (Part III), chap. XIII, sect. E).

Chapter XII
Falkland Islands (Malvinas)

94. At its 1st meeting, on 12 February 2002, by adopting the suggestions relating to the organization of its work put forward by the Chairman (A/AC.109/2002/L.2), the Special Committee decided, inter alia, to take up the question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) as a separate item and to consider it at its plenary meetings.

95. The Special Committee considered the item at its 8th meeting, on 19 June 2002.

96. In its consideration of the item, the Special Committee took into account General Assembly decision 56/410 of 26 November 2001, as well as other relevant resolutions and decisions.

97. During its consideration of the item, the Special Committee had before it a working paper prepared by the Secretariat containing information on developments concerning the Territory (A/AC.109/2002/16 and Corr.1).

98. At the 8th meeting, the Chairman informed the Special Committee that the delegations of Argentina, Brazil, Peru, Paraguay and Uruguay had requested to participate in the Special Committee's consideration of the item. The Special Committee decided to accede to the requests.

99. At the same meeting, in accordance with a decision taken at its 6th meeting, statements were made by the Honourable Norma Edwards and the Honourable Philip Miller of the Legislative Council of the Falkland Islands, and by Mr. Alejandro Betts and Mr. James Douglas Lewis (see A/AC.109/2002/SR.8).

100. At the same meeting, the representative of Chile introduced, also on behalf of Bolivia, Cuba and Venezuela, a draft resolution on the item (A/AC.109/2002/L.14) and drew attention to some

editorial corrections in the French text of the draft resolution.

101. At the same meeting, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship of Argentina made a statement (see A/AC.109/2002/SR.8).

102. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Peru, China, the Syrian Arab Republic, Brazil (on behalf of the States members of MERCOSUR as well as Bolivia and Chile), Paraguay, Uruguay, Indonesia, Sierra Leone, the Russian Federation, Ethiopia, Iraq, Cuba, Venezuela, Fiji, Côte d'Ivoire, Bolivia, Grenada and Antigua and Barbuda (see A/AC.109/2002/SR.8).

103. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/AC.109/2002/L.14 without a vote (see A/AC.109/2002/25).

104. The delegation of the United Kingdom, the administering Power concerned, did not participate in the Special Committee's consideration of the item.

105. The text of resolution A/AC.109/2002/25, adopted by the Special Committee at its 8th meeting, on 19 June 2002, is reproduced below:

The Special Committee,

Having considered the question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas),

Aware that the maintenance of colonial situations is incompatible with the United Nations ideal of universal peace,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, 2065 (XX) of 16 December 1965, 3160 (XXVIII) of 14 December 1973, 31/49 of 1 December 1976, 37/9 of 4 November 1982, 38/12 of 16 November 1983, 39/6 of 1 November 1984, 40/21 of 27 November 1985, 41/40 of 25 November 1986, 42/19 of 17 November 1987 and 43/25 of 17 November 1988, Special Committee resolutions A/AC.109/756 of 1 September 1983, A/AC.109/793 of 21 August 1984, A/AC.109/842 of 9 August 1985, A/AC.109/885 of 14 August 1986, A/AC.109/930 of 14 August 1987, A/AC.109/972 of 11 August 1988, A/AC.109/1008 of 15 August 1989, A/AC.109/1050 of 14 August 1990, A/AC.109/1087 of 14 August 1991, A/AC.109/1132 of 29 July 1992, A/AC.109/1169 of 14 July 1993, A/AC.109/2003 of 12 July 1994, A/AC.109/2033 of 13 July 1995, A/AC.109/2062 of 22 July 1996, A/AC.109/2096 of 16 June 1997, A/AC.109/2122 of 6 July 1998, A/AC.109/1999/23 of 1 July 1999, A/AC.109/2000/23 of 11 July 2000 and A/AC.109/2001/25 of 29 June 2001 and Security Council resolutions 502 (1982) of 3 April 1982 and 505 (1982) of 26 May 1982,

Distressed that, notwithstanding the time that has elapsed since the adoption of General Assembly resolution 2065 (XX), this prolonged dispute has not yet been settled,

Aware of the interest of the international community in the resumption by the Governments of the Argentine Republic and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland of their negotiations in order to find as soon as possible a peaceful, just and lasting solution to the sovereignty dispute relating to the question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas),

Expressing its preoccupation over the fact that the good level of relations between Argentina and the United Kingdom has not yet led to negotiations on the question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas),

Considering that this situation should facilitate the resumption of the negotiations in order to find a peaceful solution to the dispute over sovereignty,

Reaffirming the principles of the Charter of the United Nations on the non-use of force or the threat of force in international relations and the peaceful settlement of international disputes,

Calling attention to the importance of the Secretary-General continuing his efforts to give full effect to the mission entrusted to him by the General Assembly in the resolutions on the question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas),

Reaffirming the need for the parties to take due account of the interests of the population of the islands in accordance with the provisions of the General Assembly resolutions on the question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas),

1. *Reiterates* that the way to put an end to the special and particular colonial situation in the question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) is the peaceful and negotiated settlement of the dispute over sovereignty between the Governments of the Argentine Republic and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland;

2. *Takes note* of the views expressed by the President of the Argentine Republic on the occasion of the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly;

3. *Regrets* that, in spite of the widespread international support for a negotiation between the Governments of Argentina and the United Kingdom that includes all aspects on the future of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas), the implementation of the General Assembly resolutions on this question has not yet started;

4. *Requests* the Governments of Argentina and the United Kingdom to consolidate the current process of dialogue and cooperation through the resumption of negotiations in order to find as soon as possible a peaceful solution to the sovereignty dispute relating to the question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas), in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolutions 2065 (XX), 3160 (XXVIII), 31/49, 37/9, 38/12, 39/6, 40/21, 41/40, 42/19 and 43/25;

5. *Reiterates its firm support* for the mission of good offices of the Secretary-General in order to assist the parties in complying with the request made by the General Assembly in its resolutions on the question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas);

6. *Decides* to keep under review the question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) subject to the directives that the General Assembly has issued and may issue in that regard.

Notes

[1] See A/AC.109/2009.

[2] For the explanation of their non-participation, see documents A/47/86, A/42/651, annex, and *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 23* (A/41/23), chap. I, paras. 76 and 77.